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TAGS: CASC, YO

SUBJECT: AMCIT AJET AZEMI CALLED FOR YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE

REF: STATE 208128

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: REP JAMES R GLOVER (NY)

1. YUGO FSFA OFFICIAL WHO FAMILIAR AZEMI CASE OUT-OF-TOWN AND EXPECTED BACK OCT. 25. WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT AND REPORT RESULTS FSFA EFFORTS ASAP THEREAFTER.
2. IN MEETING AT TIME PASSPORT WAS TAKEN FSFA CONTACT SAID HE WOULD CALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TRY CONVINCE THEM FIND SOME WAY OF DEFERRING AZEMI. WHILE THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN PAST, HE COULD HOLD OUT NO HOPE FOR AZEMI SINCE HE SINGLE, OF DRAFT AGE (29), AND HAS NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY IN US DEPENDENT UPON HIM.
3. COINCIDENTALLY, AZEMI PERSONALLY CAME TO EMBASSY OCT 23 TO REPORT THAT EFFORTS ON LOCAL LEVEL WERE OF NO AVAIL. HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTICE TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION ON NOV 12. AZEMI SAID HAD TO SLIP OUT OF HOMETOWN AFTER DARK TO AVOID POLICE WHO HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM STAY AT HOME UNTIL INDUCTED.
4. AZEMI WAS INFORMED THAT EMB WILL PRESS FURTHER ON OBTAINING

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RETURN OF PASSPORT, BUT SINCE HE STILL YUGOSLAV CITIZEN, YUGOSLAV

AUTHORITIES WILL PROBABLY ASSERT THEIR CLAIM TO HIM. AT SAME TIME, URGED HIM TO CONTINUE LOCAL EFFORTS. HE HALD OUT LITTLE HOPE THIS REGARD THOUGH, SINCE STATED HIS FAMILY NOT POPULAR HAVING BEEN ON "WRONG SIDE" (READ CHETNIKS) DURING WW II.

5. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT INFO FROM ABSENT FSFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL, AND IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME TO INDUCTION, RECOMMENDS DEPT RAISE CASE WITH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY.

6. EMB APPROACH TO CONS OFFICIALS WILL BE ALONG LINES THAT:

(1) AT TIME OF VISA APPLICATION AT YUGO CONGEN NYC, AZEMI INQUIRED ABOUT MILITARY OBLIGATION AND WAS ALLEGEDLY TOLD HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS THIS REGARD;

(2) AS UNWILLING SOLDIER, AZEMI WILL MORE LIEKLY BE PROBLEM THAN ASSEST TO YUGOSLAV FORCES; AND

(3) WITH CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, IT ESPECIALLY HOPED THAT THIS CASE CAN BE RESOLVED BY EARLY RETURN OF PASSPORT.
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